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- ☒ 4. English-language Abstracts of the non-English language references 3-5 are attached hereto.

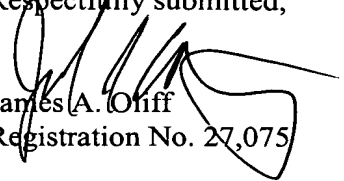
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- ☒ 4. English-language Abstracts of the non-English language references 3-5 are attached hereto.

- ☒ 5. English-language reference 5,867,824 corresponds to non English-language reference JP A 8-123744.
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